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Dee Bay [illegible] Criminal [illegible] No. 14[illegible]

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Date 22-12-44

Compl:- Gerhard Lilienstern, 32, German Jewish Refugee, m/factory owner, 1143/106 East Yuhang Road, Pass No. 7199.

Place:- One the first floor front room of a Chinese style dwelling house situated at above address.

Time reported:- at 9^{05} p.m. 13.12.44.

Time of Murder etc:- At about 7 p.m. 13.12.44.

Property stolen:-	One silver pocket watch with yellow coloured dial.	$4800.00
	$200 in notes.	200.00
	Value	$5000.00

Victim Murdered:- Hermann Lilienstern, 64, German Jewish Refugee, m/factory owner, 1143/106 East Yuhang Road, Pass No. 7197.
Death Certificates states:-
1. "Angina Pectoris" Dr. Gruns[illegible]
2. "Dead on Arrival" General Hospital.

Victim Assaulted:- Complainant.
Doctors certificate states:-
"Laceration on the rear part of left ear"
Sign. Dr. Liao Yoong Long
Police Hosp.

Enquiries by D.S.I. Yen Yoong, Yang Meh Ling C.D.S. 283, C.D.C. 1030, 505 and the undersigned.

At 9^{15} p.m. 13.12.44 a telephone message was received from Dr. Bachtel, 85 Bayside Rd to the effect that there was a foreigner lying dead at 1143/106 East Yuhang Rd.

The above mentioned detectives proceeded to the aforementioned place and after preliminary enquiries the following was ascertained.

At about 7 p.m. 13.12.44 four male Chinese, one armed with a dagger and another with a piece of rope entered the complts room via the unlocked rear and room doors and after attacking the complt with a dagger and the complts father with clenched fists resulting in the complt receiving injuries to his ear whilst his father died immediately from the effect of the attack.

The robbers remained on the premises for about 15 minutes and then decamped taking with them $200 in notes and the complts pocket watch. No. No.

The body of the murdered person was taken to the General Hospital and after being certified dead was removed to the Public Mortuary pending inquest.

Further enquiries revealed the following.

The scene of the murder is a Chinese style dwelling house situated at 1143/106 E. Yuhang Rd. The whole house is occupied by the complt and his father and mother named Hermann and Erna respectively. The ground floor of the house is used by the complt as a Chrom and Nickel Plating Factory, whilst the complt and his family reside on the first floor. The first floor is divided into two rooms, the front room being used by them as a living room whilst the rear room is utilised as a kitchen.

Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily the rear door of the house is always left unlocked by the complt.

At about 7 p.m. 13.12.44 whilst the complt's mother was cooking in the kitchen she heard steps outside in the corridor and on going out to investigate she saw standing next to the kitchen door four male Chinese whose description she does not know due to the fact that she is very short sighted. One of the male Chinese then informed her that they were the Police they searched her but found nothing of any value on her person. They then led her into the living room where the complt and his father were eating.

The following are the description of the four robbers:-

1. Male Chinese, age about 35, height about 5'8" slim built, long thin face, wearing a Chinese long grey gown and grey felt hat.
   ARMED WITH A DAGGER.
2. Male Chinese, age about 30, height about 5'6", slim built, round face, wearing a Chinese long grey gown with grey felt hat.
   IN POSSESSION OF A ROPE 1½ yards long.
3. Description unavailable.
4. " " .

On the above described male Chinese together with the complts mother entering the living room, the first described robber who was in possession of a dagger immediately attacked the complt injuring his head and at the same time the 2nd described robber attempted to tie the rope round the complts neck. At this instance the complt's father (the murdered person) came to the assistance of the complt, resulting in the 2nd described robber with his clenched fists striking the complt's father on the chest, resulting in him collapsing onto the room floor where he died.

During the above mentioned occurrence the 3rd and 4th described robbers were standing on guard at the room door. On seeing their victim falling onto the floor the 1st and 2nd described robbers commenced to search the pockets of the complt and his father and on finding nothing they warned the inmates by signs not to raise an alarm ~~by signs~~ and left via point of entry after remaining on the premises for about 15 minutes.

After an elapse of about 5 minutes the 3rd described robber ~~alone~~ returned alone to the living room/and again searched the complt and took from him his pocket watch and $200 in notes, and left immediately.

At about 7.45 p.m. 13.12.44 on seeing that the robbers did not return again the complt immediately telephoned to Dr. Herbert Gruenberger residing at 305/58 Kungping Road to attend to his father. The above mentioned doctor on arriving and examining him pronounced the victim dead and issued the following Death Certificate:-

Name: Hermann Lilienstern.
Address: 1143/106 E.Yuhang Rd.
Primary: Heartemboly.
Secondary: Angina Pectoris.
Died: 13.12.44.

By this time a friend of the complt named Hans Loewenbach residing at 725/65 Tongshan Road came to visit the complt and on him being told what had occurred he immediately relayed the information to Dr. Wachtel who in turn informed the station as described above.

The Pao Chia member on duty at the entrance of lane 1143 E. Yuhang Rd between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. 13.12.44 named:-

Zau Tau Ying, (曹道瀛), 13, Kompo,
s/a apprentice, 1143/69 E. Yuhang Rd,

was located and on being questioned stated that during his tour of duty did not hear or see anything unusual.

The complt on being further questioned stated that on the 24.11.44 the power in his factory was cut off by the

Shanghai Power Co., resulting in him on the same day giving notice of dismissal to his Chinese foreman and four Chinese employees. The four employees then demanded $30,000 each as compensation which the complt refused ~~and~~ a quarrel starting which nearly ending in a fight. This quarrel was eventually settled by the complt through the medium of his foreman and it was agreed that he would pay each employee $12,000 compensation. The complt also paid his foreman $2,000 compensation.

The complt on being asked for the names and addresses of his former employees stated that he had no record of same as all Chinese employed in his factory were hired by his foreman, named Lien Zung Zang ([illegible]), having no residence in Shanghai, who had on loosing his job returned to Wusih.

All endeavours are at present being made by detectives to discover a clue that might lead to the apprehension of the persons responsible of the crime.

F.P.Bureau notified and on attending took photographs.

Due to the fact that all places likely to retain latent fingerprints have already been handled by the inmates no fingerprints could be found.

Enquiries proceeding.

Circulated.

All concerned notified.

D.S.I.Kra[illegible]er.

Senior Detective i/c.